

SIXTEEN KILLED IN WRECK IN TUNNEL UNDER NEW YORK CITY.

Fearful Disaster This Morning in Heart of Metropolis,
Below the Level of the Street.

ONE SUBURBAN TRAIN PLOWS THROUGH ANOTHER.

Engine Splits Open Coach in Front,
and Crushes Passengers Therein.

OCCURRED WITHOUT WARNING.

Most of the Victims Were Quietly
Reading the Morning Papers,
When the Locomotive Burst
Through the Rear End of the Car
and Ground Them Underneath.
Besides Those Killed an Unknown
Number of People Were Hurt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—In the dark and
dismal tunnel of the New York Central
and Hudson River Railroad at a point
near Fifty-sixth Street, a horrifying ac-
cident occurred at 8:20 o'clock this morn-
ing. Two passenger trains came in rear-
end collision and the lives of sixteen per-
sons were crushed out in a twinkling,
and some two score persons sustained in-
juries. In the confusion that followed
the disaster no account was kept of the
bodies recovered or the injured removed
to hospitals, and therefore the exact
number of casualties remained in doubt
for some time.

List of the Dead.

The list of dead, as far as known, is:
A. G. WALTON, and H. G. DIAMOND, of
New Rochelle, N. Y.
A. E. MILLS, 190 Broadway, New York.
OSCAR WEYMOUTH, an aged official of this
city.
FRANK WASHBURN, aged 42, New Rochelle,
N. Y.

H. B. FOSKETT, New Rochelle, N. Y.
E. C. HUNSALE, New Rochelle, N. Y.
WILLIAM LEIN, New Rochelle, N. Y.
E. H. FOGARDO, New Rochelle, N. Y.
WILLIAM FORBES, New Rochelle, N. Y.
WILLIAM HOWARD, New Rochelle, N. Y.
A. M. PERIN, New Rochelle, N. Y.
One unknown man.
One unknown woman.

List of Injured.

A partial list of the injured is:
Sadie Scott, stenographer, New Rochelle,
legs crushed; Minnie Wright, stenog-
rapher, New Rochelle, internal injuries;
George Carter, New Rochelle, scalded
arms and leg fractured; Everett Coffin,
New Rochelle; R. H. Mollison, New
Rochelle, fractured thigh, cut about head;
E. W. Fanning, New Rochelle, fingers
fractured, dislocated shoulder, cut about
head; Mabel Newman, New Rochelle inter-
nal injuries, bruised and cut; Margaret
Langdon, New Rochelle, badly injured.

Victims Were Commuters.

In the early morning hours of a week-
day a procession of passenger trains ran
through the hazy tunnel to Grand Central
depot at Forty-second Street. A great
majority of these trains are specials run
from points in New York and Connecticut
for the benefit of persons who reside in
these suburban places and are employed
daily in New York.
It was two of these accommodation
trains that met with disaster this morn-
ing. They were heavily laden. The Nor-
walk local from Norwalk, Conn., was
approaching the Grand Central depot slowly.
The passengers were engaged in reading
papers, while some were preparing to
leave the train. It was dark and Con-
ductor Blackman, of the Danbury local,
saw a brakeman named Barum back to
the rear coach to set a signal light to
warn of any train following.

Engine Plows Through Car.

Suddenly without a moment's warning
there came a crash of splintering timbers,
and the roar of escaping steam. The rear
coach of the Norwalk train had been tele-
scoped by engine 1018, hauling the White
Plains local of the New York and Harlem
road. The big locomotive plowed half
way through the length of the coach,
mangling the passengers, who had not time
to leave their seats.

The noise was heard in Park Avenue,
through which the tunnel runs, and
crowds rushed to the opening at the top
of the tunnel and looked down upon a
horrible spectacle. The White Plains en-
gine was wedged in the rear coach of the
Norwalk local. This car was badly
wrecked. The smoke stack of the loco-
motive, issuing a volume of smoke and

steam, poked through the roof of the
car. The second car from the rear was
also badly smashed.

Victims Shriek ALOUD.

Above the roar of steam could be heard
the groans of the injured and terrific
cries of the panic-stricken passengers in
both trains. The police reserves and sev-
eral companies of firemen were soon on
the scene and ambulances were hurrying
from the uptown hospitals.

The tunnel rapidly filled with smoke
and steam and the work of rescue was
done under difficulties which seemed for
a time insurmountable. The firemen lower-
ed ladders into the tunnel through the
opening on Park Avenue and descended.

Every moment it was feared the tele-
scoped engine might explode. Steam was
blowing all about the mass of wreckage,
but the firemen had no heed of danger.
Swinging their axes like madmen the
firemen soon penetrated the telescoped
car.

A Terrible Spectacle.

In the forward end lay a mass of
mangled and bleeding humanity. There
were probably forty persons there, and
considering their frightful position it
seems marvelous that all had not met
death before the rescuers arrived. Splin-
tered timbers, broken car seats and other
debris were scattered over these hapless
victims, many of whom were caught and
held as if in a vice. The living were
struggling desperately to extricate them-
selves and crying piteously for aid. All
had the impression that they would soon
be caught by flames which threatened to
break out at any moment in the treacher-
ous of the locomotive.

Corpses Lay About.

The dead lay all about, entangled in the
wreckage. Blood from their wounds
poured out and ran in a stream to the
tracks, where it formed a pool.

The work of rescue was slow. The
dead and injured were extricated and
taken out as they were stepped by the
dead, covered by debris brought by the
firemen. There were places in the
wrecked car where it was impossible for
the firemen to go. Ropes were lowered
to these places from the street and eagerly
grazed by the injured plighted there.

One man tied a rope about his waist and
cried to the firemen above: "Pull slowly,
my leg is caught." The firemen started to
obey, when they were stopped by the in-
jured man, who then fell back, uncon-
scious. One fireman lowered himself down
the rope and with an ax cut away the
timber. The injured man was then drawn
to the street, and it was found that his
entire left leg had been crushed flat.
He had also been horribly burned by steam.

All the injured taken from the tele-
scoped car were scalded, cut, bruised, and
mangled.

Less Horrible Conditions.

In the car ahead of the one telescoped
the conditions were less horrible. Only
one man was killed in this car. Sadie
Scott and Mamie Wright, two of the in-
jured, were in this car. The floor of the
car had split and both women had dropped
into the opening, which had closed upon
them. They were held fast there for
nearly an hour, during which time they
pleaded for help. The body of the dead
man lay between them. He had been
struck by flying timber and instantly
killed. When the young women were re-
leased finally, they found that their legs
had been horribly crushed.

At 10:45 o'clock the debris had been
cleared away, the injured placed in hospi-
tals, and fourteen dead removed to a
nearby police station.

Cause of Wreck Unknown.

The cause of the dreadful disaster is
yet to be determined. The engineer of
the White Plains train said he saw no
lights ahead of him, and in the darkness
of the tunnel he was unaware of the pres-
ence of the Norwalk train.

The conductor of the latter train is
equally certain that warning lights had
been set upon the rear coach.

Engineer Walker, of the Norwalk train,
is under arrest.
District Attorney Jerome, when he was
informed of the accident, declared that
he regarded it as an appalling thing, and
said he would make an official investiga-
tion.

MANY CHARGES AGAINST OFFICIALS.

Immigration Authorities at
New York Seriously
Accused.

President Roosevelt and Secretary of
the Treasury Gage have received a report
which shows a startling condition of af-
fairs at the immigration station on Ellis
Island, New York. For several months
Secret Service men have been quietly in-
vestigating the conditions at the station
and the charges against Thomas S. Fit-
chile, the Commissioner of Immigration.

The Allegations Made.

Those making the charges say that the
immigrants were subjected to many
abuses; that immoralities were practiced;
that immigrants were detained unneces-
sarily and made to work for the personal
gain of those interested and that they
were subjected to many extortions.

The report confirms what has been sus-
pected for some time, that many disor-
derly houses in New York and other cities
received a constant supply of inmates
from the immigrants, and it is understood

the reports deal throughout with this
question.

An allowance of thirty-five cents per
day a head is made to the contractor who
has the catering privileges, and it is said
that many immigrants were detained day
after day unnecessarily so as to swell the
account of the caterer, whose profits from
this overwork averaged \$124 daily.

Again it is charged that immigrants
were held and deported, although money
for their railroad fare was sent to them
by their friends in the West.

Secrets Divulged in Anger.

There was a misunderstanding among
the employees on Saturday, November 15,
when Samuel Marks, a deputy clerk, while
engaged, made public charges against
John Lederhill, the chief clerk, and other
associates. The Secret Service agents
overheard his statement. The report
states that other employees tried repeat-
edly to quiet Marks.

General Removals Expected.

Commissioner Fitchile is not held re-
sponsible for any connection with the
abuses, but he is censured for not keep-
ing himself posted on the action of his
assistants. Fitchile, it is understood, will
be succeeded in office soon and all of his
assistants are said to be slated for dis-
missal.

IMPORTANT NOMINATIONS.

The Two New Cabinet Officers in
List Sent to Senate.

The President today sent to the Senate
a large number of nominations, including
the following:
Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, to be Sec-
retary of the Treasury.
Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, to be
Postmaster General.

John R. A. Crossland, of Missouri, to
be Minister Resident and Consul General
of the United States at Liberia.
Conrad N. Jordan, to be Assistant
Treasurer at New York. George W.
Whitehead, to be Appraiser of Merchan-
dise in the District of New York.

To be collector of internal revenue:
John E. McCall, of Tennessee, for the
Fifth district of Tennessee.
John C. Dancy, of North Carolina, to
be Recorder of Deeds in the District of
Columbia.

DATE FOR CUBAN HEARINGS.

House Committee to Take Up Re-
ciprocal Relations January 15.

The House Committee on Ways and
Means today approved the announcement
made by Chairman Payne to the effect
that he had arranged for a hearing on the
subject of reciprocal relations with Cuba
on Wednesday, January 15, at 10 a. m.

It was the unanimous desire of the com-
mittee that those who wish to be heard
appear not before January 15 and not
after February 1, and that they limit
themselves to statements of fact rather
than of opinion.

The committee today also authorized
favorable report on the Payne resolutions
authorizing the Commissioner of Internal
Revenue to return bank checks, drafts,
certificates of deposit, and orders for the
payment of money, having imprinted
stamps thereon, to the owners thereof,
the law requiring these stamps to be af-
fixed as a war revenue measure having
been repealed to take effect July 1, 1901.

They also approved the Payne bill
changing the conditions for the redemp-
tion of documentary and proprietary
stamps, issued under the war revenue
act, by allowing redemption of same
within two years after the passage of the
repeal act, rather than two years from
the date of the purchase of the stamps.

INVITED BY THE CLOVER CLUB.

The President Much Pleased, But
Says He Cannot Accept.

The President was today invited to the
annual banquet of the famous Clover
Club in Philadelphia on January 16. The
invitation was extended by Messrs. B. K.
Jamison and William Jackson, of Phila-
delphia, who were escorted to the White
House by Senator Penrose and Repre-
sentative Bingham of Pennsylvania.

The President will not be able to at-
tend the dinner, but he expressed great
pleasure at having been invited and re-
gretted at his inability to attend.

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SENATOR KEARNS' CANDIDATE.

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Senator Kearns of Utah wants Q. B.
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LOWER PRICE FOR PANAMA.

Senators Expect a Further
Reduction of Offer.

RECKONING ON ACTUAL VALUES.

Commissions on Sale of Property to
Be Charged Against Owners.
Doubt of Company's Ability to As-
sure Perfect Title to the Conces-
sions and Improvements.

Talk among Senators, members of the
Canal Committee, and outside, is to the
effect that it may be possible to secure
the Panama Canal for a smaller price
than that yet named. The figure they
set is \$25,000,000. They point out that if
the French company is willing, as has been
evidenced, to drop from \$100,000,000 to
\$40,000,000, it is probable it has yet an-
other price at which it would be ready
to sell.

Promoters to Pay Charges.

It is also pointed out that the report
of the Isthmian Canal Commission esti-
mates the present value to the United
States of the Panama Canal property at
\$35,000,000, to which is added an indefinite
quantity, under the head of commissions,
making the total \$40,000,000. It is stated
that if the French people have any com-
missions to pay in transferring their rights
and property to the United States they
form a charge that should come out of
their pockets, and should not be paid
by the United States.

The value of the canal is therefore re-
duced in the minds of Senators to \$35,000-
000, and they think that this sum can be
reduced and the property secured for \$25-
000,000, at which they say it is very prob-
able that the United States would be a
willing purchaser providing title and other
considerations were proved all right.

Perfect Title Doubtful.

The question of the ability of the
French company to transfer a perfect title
to the United States is a very important
one and is the principal cause of op-
position of Senator Morgan and Repre-
sentative Hepburn, the chief Nicaraguan
advocates in the two houses of Congress.
These two gentlemen insist that such a
title is impossible and that the French
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HEMP ENQUIRY REPORT READY.

Removed That Heistand Is Exoner-
ated and Hawks Discredited.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on
Military Affairs will be held tomorrow,
at which it is expected the report of the sub-
committee which investigated the charges
against Lieut. Col. H. O. S. Heistand will
be submitted.

It is understood that the report will be
an exoneration of Colonel Heistand of any
intentional wrongdoing in connection with
the alleged combination to control the
output of hemp from the Philippines, but
it is said that it will also contain a warn-
ing to all army and navy officers against
engaging in any business enterprise which
might in any way come before them in
their official capacity.

The report has been prepared by Sen-
ator Cockrell, the Democratic leader on the
committee, and will, it is said, discredit
Major Erasmus L. Hawks, who preferred
the charges against Colonel Heistand.

A CONTESTED ELECTION CASE.

Hearings Begun in the Moss-Rhea
Kentucky Contention.

Elections Committee No. 1, Representa-
tive Taylor of Ohio, chairman, heard
arguments this morning in the contested
election of J. McKenzie Moss vs. Repre-
sentative John P. Rhea of the Third Con-
gressional district of Kentucky. Mr. Moss
was represented by John L. DuBose, and
Mr. Rhea appeared in his own behalf.
The contention of Mr. DuBose was that
the Kentucky ballot law is defective in
that it requires the cross on the inside
of the ballot to be marked with ink and
when the ballot was folded the imprint
of the cross would be made in another
circle and the ballot would then be thrown
out. It is claimed that enough of such
ballots were thrown out to change the
result.

At 12 o'clock the committee took a re-
cess until 1:30 o'clock, when Representa-
tive Rhea presented his side of the case.

TO NOMINATE GORMAN.

Maryland Democratic Legislators to
Caucus Tonight.

STATE HOUSE, Annapolis, Md., Jan. 8.—
The Democratic majority of both houses
of the Maryland Legislature will caucus
tonight for a nominee for United States
Senator and State Treasurer.

It is expected that Arthur P. Gorman
will receive a majority for Senator, and
there will probably be no opposition to
Mr. Murray Vandiver, of Harford county,
for re-election as State Treasurer.

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WANTS CANAL BILL PASSED TO THE TUNE OF "HAIL COLUMBIA."

Representative Shackelford Objects to Any Alliance
With Great Britain.

DEMANDS STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF MONROE DOCTRINE.

Democratic Member From Missouri
Says He Will Support the Bill.

THINKS COST UNDERESTIMATED.

Numerous Questions Were Hurled at
the Speaker Causing Much Con-
fusion, in the Midst of Which Mr.
Capron, in the Chair, Says: "The
Meeting Will Please Be in Order."

Sentiment in the House today is strong-
ly in favor of giving consideration to the
offer of the Panama Canal Company to
sell its